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Meeting Notice and Agenda



Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee

Hon. Michael Berger, *Chairperson, Designee of Hon. Frank Schillo, Ventura County Board of Supervisors*
Jerome C. Daniel, *Vice Chairperson, Designee of Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors*
Arthur E. Eck, *Superintendent, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area*
Elizabeth A. Cheadle, *Public Member, Appointed by the Senate Rules Committee*
Edward J. Begley, Jr., *City of Los Angeles*
Jonathan Zasloff, *Public Member, Appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly*
Hal Ross, *Public Member, Appointed by the Governor*
Russell Guiney, *Superintendent, Angeles District of the California Department of Parks and Recreation*
Steven Treanor, *Designee of Secretary for Resources, Resources Agency of California*
Edward Albert, *Ex-Officio Member, California Coastal Commission*
Steve Horn, *Ex-Officio Member, State Coastal Conservancy*

Senator Sheila Kuehl, *Legislative Member*
Senator Gloria Romero, *Legislative Member*
Senator Jack Scott, *Legislative Member*
Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, *Legislative Member*
Assemblymember Paul Koretz, *Legislative Member*
Assemblymember Fran Pavley, *Legislative Member*

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Belinda V. Faustinos, *Chief Deputy Director*

John A. Saurenman, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General*
Nedra E. Austin, *Deputy Attorney General*

Date: Monday, September 24, 2001

Time: 7:30 p.m. — Meeting Convenes
Public Testimony 7:45 p.m. to conclusion or 8:45 p.m. — whichever is earlier; Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations — 8:45 p.m. or at the conclusion of the public testimony to adjournment promptly at 10:00 p.m.

Location: Webster Elementary School
3602 Winter Canyon Road
Malibu, California 90265

Field Trip: 2:30 p.m. tour of Malibu projects, including Tuna and Ramirez Canyons. See special transportation information below.

Directions to Meeting: From the 101 Freeway take Malibu Canyon Road south. Turn left at stop light on to Civic Center Way and left again to onto Winter Canyon Road. Webster Elementary is the school on the left. From Pacific Coast Highway turn north onto Civic Center Way and right onto Winter Canyon Road.

Please Note Special Transportation Instructions for Field Trip and Dinner: There will be a field trip of Malibu project locations that will include Tuna and Ramirez Canyons. Dinner will be provided for Conservancy and Advisory Committee members at 5:00 p.m. at Ramirez Canyon. Members of the public may have dinner provided to them for a nominal fee, or may bring their own box supper. Because the field trip will visit venues with no public access, only those using agency transportation will be allowed to participate in the field trip and dinner. Those members of the public wishing to join Conservancy and Advisory Committee members in these activities must meet promptly at 2:30 p.m. at Webster Elementary School to be transported by shuttle to the field trip and dinner. **In order to accommodate all transportation needs, members of the public should reserve dinner and/or a space on the shuttle by Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 5:00p.m. Please RSVP to Leigh McAllister (310) 589-3200, extension 141.**

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call of Conservancy.
3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.
4. Minutes
5. Reports:
 - a) Chairperson's Report;
 - b) Coastal Commission Report;

- c) Attorney General's Report;
 - d) Legislative Report;
 - e) Questions to staff.
6. Special recognition of Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority staff members Zenia Bray, Diana Hartmann, and David Updike for extraordinary accomplishments.
7. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Note: The period between 7:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. (note time change) has been set aside for public testimony. No public testimony will be taken after 8:45 p.m. The public hearing begins at 7:45 p.m. In the event that all speakers have been heard prior to 8:45 p.m., or upon completion of public hearing, whichever occurs first, the public hearing and comment period will be closed and the Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations will begin. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed 5 minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

8. Consent Calendar:
- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for a recreational trail use study to be administered by the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.*
 - (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize the National Park Service to demolish such structures as maybe necessary for public safety on property commonly known as the Randa site, Los Angeles County.*
 - (c) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority adopt a Youth at Risk employment plan consistent with the requirements of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (Prop A).*
 - (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of license and easement to Julie Hsiao for entry on Temescal Gateway Park for slope repair at boundary of 1247 Rimmer Drive and Temescal Gateway Park.*
 - (e) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority authorize a one-year lease extension to the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency for Broome Ranch/Rancho Portrero Open Space, Newbury Park.
 - (f) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to join the California Wild Heritage Campaign, to support the Federal designation of appropriate Southern California wilderness complexes by the United States Congress, and to send a letter to Senator Barbara Boxer requesting her support for these efforts.
 - (g) Consideration of resolution amending Conservancy's Land Acquisition Workprogram, La Canada Flintridge - Coutin listing, to include additional acreage in Hall Beckley Canyon.
 - (h) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept a donation of plus or minus 2 acres of land (APN's 5464-002-053; 5464-007-043) on Sea View Avenue and Jack Smith Trail in the Mount Washington area of City of Los Angeles; in recognition and honor of Bob Scholfield.
 - (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter on Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for proposed Canyon Park Specific Plan, Fair Oaks Ranch, Tentative Tract Nos. 52938/52833, Santa Clara River Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.
 - (j) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority execute an agreement with the Resources Agency for additional reimbursable services to the Resources Agency.
 - (k) Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment of grant SMM-881 to include acquisition and improvements to the Mulholland Gateway - 21000 property and advance of funds as may be necessary to complete the project.

- (l) Consideration of resolution authorizing comment letter on Draft Environmental Impact Report Recirculation Document, Cultural Resources and Project Alternatives, for Maranatha High School project, City of Sierra Madre.
 - (m) Consideration of resolution authorizing the Chair to name a committee of Conservancy, Advisory Committee and/or staff members to hold public hearings in local communities as required for Proposition 13 grant applications and /or Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 proposed donations.
 - (n) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Arroyo Seco Foundation for additional work on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Plan
 - (o) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept Los Angeles County Proposition A excess funds on behalf of North East Trees.
 - (p) Consideration of resolution: 1) exercising right of first refusal to acquire tax defaulted properties in Los Angeles County pursuant to Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 33207 of the Public Resources Code that are: a) contained within Chapter 8 Agreement Nos. 1977, 1990, 2001, 2003, 2020, 2064, 2065, 2083, 2102, 2103, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, b) those reserved by the Conservancy at the County's 2001B Public Tax Auction, and c) APN 2816-015-006; 2) authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to acquire all, or in part, said properties, and 3) recommending that the MRCA accept donations and public funding to acquire said properties.
 - (q) Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of all currently exercised rights to acquire Los Angeles County tax defaulted parcels through Chapter 8 sales to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.
9. Consideration of resolution(s) authorizing the following actions related to Upper Tuna Canyon, APN's 4448-005-033 & 034, 4448-029-029, 4448-030-017, 021, 022, 023, 024; 4449-011-001; 4449-016-009, City of Malibu and County of Los Angeles.*
- (a) Addition of Tuna Canyon parcels to the Proposition A workprogram and application for Proposition A funds.
 - (b) Adoption of Tuna Canyon Project Plan.
 - (c) Acceptance of a donation of plus or minus 1,175 acres by application to the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000.
 - (d) Authorizing of a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of 340 acres of Upper Tuna Canyon.
 - (e) Recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept additional funding for this project.
 - (f) Authorizing certification pursuant to Provision 2 of Item 3810-001-0140 of Budget Act of 2001.
10. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for acquisition of the Zanja Madre Park Parcel (Cornfields), City of Los Angeles.
11. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A funds for projects located within the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco Greenways.
12. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for Proposition A funds for education and interpretation programs at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco Greenways.
13. Consideration of resolution approving a grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in augmentation of the donation from Lottie Melhorn for improvements at Heavenly Pond, Franklin Canyon.
14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Conejo Recreation and Park District for restoration and improvements at the Joel McCrea Ranch park site, Thousand Oaks.

15. Consideration of resolution recommending that the MRCA accept donations and to use the funds to acquire an option on APN 2274-025-001, at the terminus of Camino de la Cumbre Place adjacent to Fossil Ridge Park, City of Los Angeles.
16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Alamos Canyon Interchange on the 118 Freeway.
17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to the Arroyo Seco Foundation for additional work on the Arroyo Seco Watershed Plan.
18. Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept Los Angeles County Proposition A excess funds on behalf of North East Trees.
19. Legislation: Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Director to submit enrolled bill reports on legislation affecting the Division 23 of the Public Resources Code or otherwise having an impact on the Santa Monica Mountains Zone.*
20. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Los Angeles, a charter city and Department of Water and Power*; *Save Open Space v. County of Ventura (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, Real Parties in Interest)*; *Tucker v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Tucker v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority et al.*; *City of Malibu v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy*; *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Mirharooni v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Malibu-Encinal Home Owners Association, Inc. v. Lechuza Villas West, LLP, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State Coastal Conservancy et al.*; *Los Amigos de Caballero Canyon v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.*; *Nervik v. State of California*; *Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America*; *Sierra Club et al. v. County of Los Angeles*; *State of California, ex rel. Andrea Tuttle, Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection v. Southern California Edison Company*.
21. Members comments on matters not on the Agenda.
22. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment at 10:00 p.m.

*Coastal Zone Issues

MRCA NOTICE: The Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a special meeting pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code in conjunction with the Conservancy meeting.

Note: Written communications received by close of business on the Thursday prior to the meeting will be duplicated and distributed to each member. Information on agenda items will be available for review on the Friday prior to the meeting at the following locations: Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, Brentwood Public Library, Calabasas Public Library, Encino/Tarzana Public Library, Malibu Public Library, North Hollywood Public Library, Sylmar Public Library, and the Thousand Oaks Public Library. The Conservancy may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a) and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code.

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